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Sir:

Prior to examination, please consider the following remarks in addition to those made in the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 as filed on March 10, 2003.

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-19 are pending in this application. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks, made in addition to those in the March 10 Amendment, in reply to the Examiner's comments as set forth in the Advisory Action as mailed on March 18, 2003.

Comparison Exhibits

With respect to Applicants' Exhibits A and B, the Examiner asserts that the comparisons were not performed under identical conditions except for the novel features of the invention. Applicants respectfully disagree. First, it is virtually impossible to have the compositions exactly the same except for the lead content, which is one novel feature of the present invention. Instead, Applicants have formulated the compositions so as to be as close as possible except for